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SUBJ: PRESIDENT JAWARA'S PLANNED TRAVELS, INCLUDING MAY TRIP  
TO UNITED STATES

1. PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TAAL CALLED IN  
CHARGE APRIL 12 AND GAVE HIM COPY OF PRESIDENT JAWARA'S PROPOSED  
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TRAVEL PLANS OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS. OVERSEAS TOUR INCLUDES VISIT  
TO UNITED STATES OF ABOUT 2 WEEKS, FROM MAY 20 TO JUNE 5. SIR  
DAWDA WILL BE COMING IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF CILSS, AND  
OTHER STOPS ON ITINERARY COMMENCING MAY 2 INCLUDE DAKAR,  
OUAGADOUGOU, NIAMEY AND BAMAKO. FOLLOWING US VISIT, GAMBIAN  
PRESIDENT WILL VISIT OTTAWA (APPROXIMATELY JUNE 6), FOLLOWED BY  
PARIS, BRUSSELS, ROME, AND LONDON. SIR DAWDA PLANS MIDDLE

EAST TRIP (INCLUDING N'DJAMENA) IN JULY, ADDRESS TO UNGA IN LATE SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWED BY TRIP TO MEXICO AND VENEZUELA. IN OCT-NOV HE WILL VISIT PRAIA AND NOUAKCHOTT.

2. TAAL SAID SIR DAWDA HOPES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON. CHARGE PROMISED TO FORWARD REQUEST, BUT SAID DECISION RESTED WITH WHITE HOUSE.

3. GAMBIAN PRESIDENT ALSO WANTS TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (AS HE INDICATED IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CODEL WHALEN MARCH 28, REPORTED SEPTTEL). HE HOPES TO SEE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF AID, ESPECIALLY AFR REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR SAHEL PROGRAM. HE PLANS TALKS WITH IBRD AND IMF AS WELL. IN NEW YORK, SIR DAWDA WANTS TO VISIT UNSG, UNDP ADMINISTRATOR AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HEADQUARTERED THERE.

4. CILSS SECRETARIAT IS ALREADY PLANNING DETAILS FOR SIR DAWDA'S TRIP TO DONOR COUNTRIES, IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH SENEGALESE MINISTER ADRIEN SENGHOR. TAAL ASKED FO US ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING US PORTION OF TRIP, SPECIFICALLY ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM SIR DAWDA SHOULD MEET.

5. WHILE CILSS PRESIDENCY WILL PROVIDE MAIN FOCUS OF SIR DAWDA'S US VISIT, HE ALSO HOPES TO EXPAND BILATERAL TIES THROUGH APPROPRIATE PUBLIC APPEARANCES, AND PARTICIPATION IN PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACT. VISIT TO US OF PRESIDENT FROM ROOTS-CONNECTED COUNTRY SHOULD OPEN  
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MANY AVENUES. SIR DAWDA HAS INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN EXCHANGING VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS AT HIGHEST LEVEL POSSIBLE.

6. TIMING OF VISIT WOULD APPEAR TO BE EXCELLENT FOR POSSIBLE CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE BY WELL ESTABLISHED UNIVERSITY.

7. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN WASHINGTON, LATE MAY, AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S VISIT TO US IN EARLY JUNE. GAMBIAN PLANNING FOR SIR DAWDA'S VISIT SEEMS FAIRLY FAR ADVANCED, BUT SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN TIMING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

8. PRESIDENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JABANG, AMONG OTHERS. IF POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS AS FIRST GAMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO US AT THAT TIME, ASSUMING ACCREDITATION THEN CONFIRMED AND CEREMONY POSSIBLE WITHIN THIS TIMEFRAME.  
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